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Can Sham Endure?

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

We hope that when the President and the Governors go into conference on the state of the country with regard to prohibition laws they will be moved by a sincere desire to discover the truth about the laws and the attitude of a large part of the people toward them; that they will try honestly, uninfluenced by political sham and cowardice, to understand why there is disrespect for the prohibition laws and why they are violated so extensively.

The first question to determine is whether the disrespect for the laws and the official corruption in connection with their enforcement is the fault of the Legislatures which adopted them. It is a maxim of law that a law not in accord with public opinion is not a law and cannot be enforced. This is the common expression of the principle in this country. Lord Parker, the eminent English authority on jurisprudence, affirms that a law which is numerously violated is not a law.

These maxims mean that law in its essence is formulated public opinion and unless it is in accord with public opinion and is generally regarded as right it is a nullity, the people refuse to obey it and juries refuse to enforce it.

In all the history of mankind it has been impossible to enforce laws creating crimes and offenses of act not inherently criminal; it has been impossible to enforce foolish laws or laws overriding human rights. Sumptuary laws have invariably been failures.

The statute books are cluttered up with dead-letter laws—laws designed to control human conduct with regard to things harmless in themselves and to deprive individuals of their proper liberty of action and their rights. They have been laughed out of court or ignored.

When a great body of citizens, including not only the lawless and ignorant, but the so-called better elements, the best elements, who are as a rule law-abiding, treat certain laws with disrespect and habitually violate them, the authorities should seriously consider the character of the laws which are thus treated and whether they are good laws and work for public good or public ill—whether the fault is not in the laws rather than in the people.

The examination may well begin in Washington and in the state capitals, where officials who make the laws and officials who enforce them, from the highest to the lowest, violate them. How, under these circumstances, can the people be expected to respect the laws or enforcement officials to enforce them?

There is no force to legal wrongs and shams and never can be. If the President and the Governors will look honestly into this aspect of prohibition the conference will make progress.

Jobs for the Jobless.

(Missouri State Journal.)

It is to be hoped that Missouri Republican leaders will be able to induce Mr. Harding to find appropriate jobs for all retiring Congressmen from Missouri. Every administration, following a crushing rebuke in the middle of its term, has to wrestle with the "lame duck" question, and if the Harding administration neglects its duty in the case of the Missourians, the President will show but little sense of gratitude. What other group of Congressmen pursued the presidential bent more faithfully than the Missouri crowd? They voted for revenue legislation that eased off some of the burdens of Secretary Mellon's magnate friends. They swallowed "bunk" about emergency tariffs, and voted with the White House. They went to the slaughterhouse to a man, when the Fordney-McCumber bill was voted on. They stood for the Dyer bill. Finally, they absorbed the ship subsidy bill, whether it be the most indigestible of products or not. They are loyal.

One of the delegation, Mr. Millspaugh, a banker of ability and not so mean a Republican that he cannot pick up a lot of Democratic votes where he is best known, quit before the cruel idea of March rolled around. His capacity and experience made him a very acceptable appointee in the state administration, and he didn't wait for the axe to fall. The rest, however, are not so fortunate. Some of them are without known occupations and may be compelled to take almost anything that offers. But they should be cared for. Common justice in hard circumstances demands as much.

Give 'em jobs, Mr. Harding, give 'em jobs, whether Spencer likes it or not.

Electric Road.

(De Soto Republican.)

Are De Soto and Jefferson county to be connected with the southeastern extremity of the state by an electric line? A very persistent rumor, and one that has been given mention in the St. Louis papers, says yes.

A dam has been built on the three forks of Black River to supply power for a proposed traction line starting from Cabool in Texas county and extending to St. Louis. The line would pass thru Texas, Shannon, Reynolds, Iron, St. Francois, Jefferson and St. Louis counties.

Unlike a railroad, a tram line can negotiate steeper grades and would connect with all centers of population. Altho no survey has been made, the fact remains that there is a dam on one of the swiftest streams in Missouri, and its purpose is obvious. By following the course of waterways with which this section of the country is blessed, an electric line could be built which in no place would exceed a four or five per cent grade.

The citizens of the lead belt are agog with excitement over the proposed line, and it was from one of the influential business men of that section that the route of the proposed line was obtained.

Let us lay a foundation, and if plans are made to build such a road and De Soto and Jefferson county can be benefitted by the building, let's go after it. More anon.

With the rumor of building such a line, it will be recalled that in 1890 a company was organized and plans formulated to utilize the energy of Big River for a power system to supply Southeast Missouri. In the "Big Bend" country the river makes a sweep of about 18 miles and passes again within three quarters of a mile of itself. There is a spot on the road to the Old Ditch Creek where a person can stand and see the river on either side, all within three quarters of a mile, yet the river has scorned thousands of acres of land to make a horseshoe bend.

The history of the company is one of disappointment and failure. Lean years were encountered, times were hard and capital did not at that time speculate on a project to supply thousands with electricity. But the condition exists today. The heritage is there and all that is needed is capital.

Another rumor, which, however, could not be substantiated, is the connecting of De Soto with the M. R. and B. T. railroad at Oakvale, a distance of about six miles. The idea is implanted as it is hoped it will not fall on barren ground. De Soto with two railroads—fine. Will that transpire. It is the earnest wish of every man, woman and child in the community that something will be done to alleviate conditions that exist today.

Still Insists on Being Silly.

Two days after the election the Columbus Enquirer-Sun carried an editorial headed, "Tom Watson and the Ku Klux Klan Elect a Governor." Well, that's better than having the Catholics, sore-heads, lobbyists and politicians elect one, at that.—Walton (Ga.) Tribune.

Oh, forget, Editor Camp; that sort of talk, will be going out of fashion now. There are not 5,000 Catholic votes in Georgia, and you know it.

You know, also, that they couldn't do any 'electing' anywhere in Georgia, even if they all vote alike—which they never do—simply because there are not enough of them.

If every Catholic in Georgia (there are only 20,000 of them) lived in the one city of Atlanta, for instance, there wouldn't be enough 'Catholic votes' to elect a mayor of that city.

So, what's the use trying to keep up this clap-trap? Why not help the right thinking, broad-minded men and women of Georgia to pitch politics on a higher plane in our state. And, by so doing, put an end to all this bitterness and hate.

For our part—and we are still a Methodist, you know—we have always considered it both cowardly and contemptible to pick on a minority in this manner. It always reminded us of the big bully who made a practice of picking on the small boy at school.

But you'll find that the decent-minded people of Georgia are getting sick and tired of this sort of thing; for those who have sense enough to think for themselves know that Georgia is in no more danger of having her 20,000 Catholic citizens, men, women and children—out of a total of nearly 3,000,000—carry elections in this state, than she is in danger of having them carried by the Chi Phi fraternity; if as much. So why not quit being silly about it? Either that

Or dishonest.—The Columbus Enquirer-Sun.

Charged With Grand Larceny.

(Farmington Times.)

H. O. Tiffany, a former well known auto mechanic of this city, was brought back from St. Louis Sunday evening by Sheriff Hunt, to answer to the charges of burglary and larceny which had been lodged against him here. Tiffany had been arrested in St. Louis the last of the week, when it was discovered by detectives for an insurance company that he was driving a Hudson car, which they identified as the one that had been stolen on the night of June 14th last from J. P. Cayce in this city. Tiffany had a slight wreck in St. Louis county, and the investigation that followed resulted in the identification of the car by the engine numbers and other marks. Otherwise all identification marks had been eradicated by repainting, changing of wheels, etc.

Last June the garage of J. P. Cayce was broken into and his fine car stolen. Tireless efforts were put forth to trace the thief, as well as the car. But all efforts apparently failed of results, until the little accident in St. Louis county last week, which disclosed the stolen car and perhaps the thief. At the time the car was stolen there was considerable suspicion of Tiffany, and it was often openly expressed, but evidently no direct evidence could be found to connect him up with the theft. He had been working on the stolen car, and it was said that, aside from the Cayce family, he was the only one who knew how to open the garage door. Up to that time Tiffany had been well thought of in this community, in fact was quite popular with many, and it was perhaps such friendliness that prevented his arrest at that time.

His preliminary hearing was set for Monday afternoon, which he waived, and his bond was fixed at \$2,000 and he was returned to jail. As yet he has failed to give bond, in which case he will be compelled to remain in jail until trial date, which perhaps will be at the February term of circuit court.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

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"Appeal to Reason" Deserts Former Field.

The Appeal to Reason, a weekly magazine published at Girard, Kan., and which for 27 years has expounded socialism, has ceased to exist, according to announcement by E. Haldeman-Julius, who for the last five years has published the periodical. The name and policy of the paper will be changed, he said.

The new name will be the Haldeman-Julius Weekly, and its policy will be devoted to advancement in historical, scientific and philosophical matters, the announcement stated.

Declaring his attitude toward mass movements "has undergone a fundamental change," Mr. Haldeman-Julius declares in his statement giving reasons for the change in the paper's policy that its future policy would be "to educate, rather than to agitate."

"I do not believe humanity can be helped by institutional reform," the statement continues, "I am an individualist, not a communist or collectivist."

"Not believing in political institution as the panacea for humanity, but rather in an enlightened individualism, I cannot further edit the Appeal to Reason."

C. A. FULDNER, OPT. D.

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Bismarck, Wednesday, Jan'y 10. Write for appointment.

NOTE—Dr. Fuldner's visits to Iron-ton are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

—Adv.

Fredericktown Democrat-News: "December 27th the contract will be awarded for the construction of the State Highway running west to the Iron county line. The formal advertisement of this project appears in this paper. This road has been under consideration for more than two years by the county, state and federal authorities. It is to be built under the provisions of the Morgan-McCullough law by which the county, state and federal governments cooperate in the financing, the county furnishing only about 45 per cent of the total cost. The letting of the contract has been pushed so that it would come within the present year, as the federal funds are not available after January 1, 1923. The estimated cost of the road to the Iron county line, a distance of almost 14 miles is estimated by the engineers at \$317,000. At the present time only \$187,000 is available but it is expected that before that amount is used up, other state bonds will have been sold and sufficient funds made available to complete the road. Engineer Lamb expects that work will begin this winter, soon after the letting of the contract. Work will start at Fredericktown and proceed westwardly."

James Seward of St. Louis, convicted of killing Andrew Deck at Hermitage February 28, 1921, will be hanged January 26, 1923. The Supreme Court, Division No. 2, in an opinion handed down Saturday affirmed the death sentence passed by the Circuit Court of Jefferson county. The record of the case is without error, the opinion says. The judgment of the Circuit Court of Jefferson county in imposing a death sentence on Eugene Hays, charged with the same murder, was reversed by the Supreme Court, Division No. 2, in an opinion handed down Saturday. The case was remanded for a new trial, on account of the court having denied an instruction to the jury to which the defendant was entitled.

A lawyer charges a man \$10 for ten minutes' conversation—the man insists on paying it. A doctor charges \$1 for a prescription and the patient says, "Oh, pshaw—is that enough?" An undertaker conducts a funeral and charges \$100 and he is just perfectly lovely with everybody inside and outside the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten sooner. An editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get the facts of a sudden death or wedding or social function and spends three hours in writing it up and tells lies and praises people till he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant omission or error or charges 5 cents straight for the three extra papers he is a stingy cuss who never gets anything right, and charges four times the price of city papers twice as large. In short he is a confounded most any-odd thing and ought to be run out of town. Talk about the ice man! How would you like to run a newspaper?—Exchange.

Colton, California, Information:

"Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wood with Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Farmer and daughter, Wilma, returned home Sunday afternoon from a four days' visit in San Diego. The Colton people, despite the disagreeable weather conditions, had a very delightful visit with relatives. The return trip was made under some difficulties, because of slippery pavement, many machines being stuck along the highway."

Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Iron-ton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, December 18, 1922:

Days of Week.	Day of Month.	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest.	Lowest.	
Tuesday	12	25	16	T
Wednesday	13	32	12	
Thursday	14	23	16	.10
Friday	15	30	18	
Saturday	16	34	18	
Sunday	17	31	24	
Monday	18	26	9	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

NOTICE.

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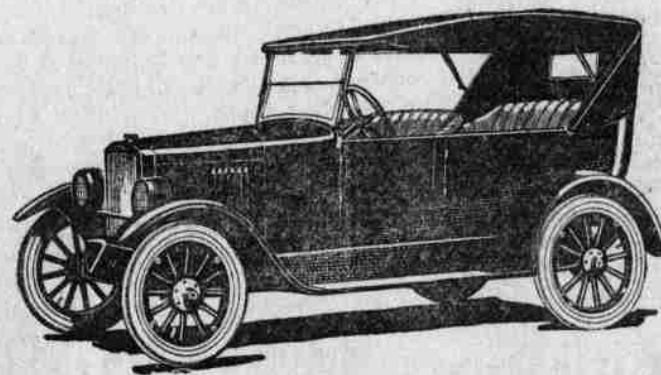
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B. P. BURNHAM,
Collector Iron County, Mo.